



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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New year... new paintings! The weather does not allow much yard work right now, which means there is no gardening or cooking/canning. Too cold to finish painting the back yard fence or to finish graveling the path, so I turned "inward" and started "sprucing" up the house, painting again, and working on my new cook book, *Just Judi's Favorites*.

This first painting is far from finished, but I wanted to show it to you, anyway. It is shown here in different stages. I still have a good bit of work to do on it, but it is now headed where I "saw" to begin with, in my mind. Semi-pleased with it, but I will continue to work on it until I LOVE it. That is the beauty of oils!

The painting on the next page is of a rooster I started this weekend, too. He has even farther to go. He still has no feet and no detail at all. Just sketched him in with color at this point, but I like him, too.

The funny thing is - I have been too afraid to "test" the water and see if anyone else likes them. Can't *bare* to sell any of them yet, because in my mind, NONE of them are "finished!" Even the ones that are "finished!"

I have a dinning room wall which serves as my "gallery" as well as my laundry room and master bathroom. Now I have so many, I am considering taking over the fifteen-foot high wall that leads up my stairs! Watch! I will be one of these little, old ladies who dies and no one finds her body for two weeks and there will be hundreds and hundreds of paintings, and birds all over my house! Hahaha! I love it!

Again, part of the beauty of living on my own. A real plus! I can do whatever I want! (Smile).



My cook book is unreal! It is over five hundred pages without being formatted and has so many great recipes, I may not cut it down, at all!

Right now there are chapters for:

- I. Appetizers**
- II. Breakfast, Brunch, and Late Nite**
- III. Soups**
- IV. Salads**
- V. Sides**
- VI. Entrees**
- VII. Breads**
- VIII. Desserts**
- IX. Holiday**
- X. Drinks and Beverages**
- XI. Condiments and sauces**
... and possibly
- XII. Tips (Have not decided yet whether to include the tips.)**

It goes from the traditional - to the exotic - but ALL of it is "doable" for even the worst cook! Just follow the directions, and POOF! You have it! I am really proud of it! Not sure how I will have it printed and bound yet - not even sure what photos to include - but I am thinking of including photos from the Follies, ya know. Kinda make it personal. Why not? Would be an interesting cook book, right? I simply cannot get over how many people (Men and Women) who love to READ cook books. I sure do!

OK! Enough about me! Kids are doing well - Jess is enjoying her new career and is preparing for a marathon, Ricky is doing his pro/rep work with Morey as well as running the club. Check out the following to see some of his pro work - amazing: <http://www.youtubecomwatch?v=IxaKFQ4Mek8>

Jeremy is spending a lot of quality time with family while working - my work is going well, just a busy time of year , and all else is well.





I had to laugh at the responses from last week! Even some emails still today from folks who are “behind” on their reading. Everyone wants to know “who” I am dating! Sooo funny! It is not one person, and it is really not even that important except that I have “changed” my thinking and am starting to be “open -minded” about it again. I really did not mean to cause such a “stir.” I really have nothing to tell. When I do, I will, I promise. It was very sweet - the response, though - Thank you, sincerely.

I am seeing several very nice people, and I just meant that I may not include photos of certain things in order not to intimidate... Really! Me? How could I intimidate a FLY? But I have been told by certain people that I do... so...

Funny! I am so much different in person than I am in these Follies. I wasn't always, but I certainly am now. Time and “Life” can do that to you...



Hey!... changing the subject... Did you see where they had snow in Bagdad this week? Unbelievable... was truly a sign from above! I have many city's weather reports on my iPhone, Bagdad being one of them since my youngest nephew has been there for over a year, and it actually made me cry! How special was that? 60-plus-year-old men talking about seeing snow for the first time in their lives! Just awe-inspiring!

Continue to pray for our men and women overseas that they may come home soon, and safe, and successful!

To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

God bless.

Remember, life is short!

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



Judi Godsey

PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!